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SUBJ: U.S. SOYBEAN EXPORT SAMPLING

1. BASED ON REPEATED COMPLAINTS FROM FOREIGN EXPORTERS ON POOR ARRIVAL CONDITIONS OF IMPORTED U.S. SOYBEANS, THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE (ARS) HAS GENERATED A TWO-YEAR STUDY TO ESTABLISH CAUSES OF PROBLEMS AND TO ESTABLISH REMEDIAL MEASURES. PRELIMINARY CHECKOUTS OF U.S. SUPPLY SOURCES AND GRAIN TERMINALS ARE ALREADY BEING ACCOMPLISHED.

2. ARS PLANS TO CALL FOR TEST SAMPLINGS OF 24 SHIPMENTS MOVING OVERSEAS DURING THIS PERIOD, CONCENTRATING ON CARGO MOVEMENTS TO THE FAR EAST. ASA/HUDSON IS COGNIZANT OF THE PROGRAM AND EXTENDS ENDORSEMENT. THE FIRST OVERSEAS SAMPLING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE NEXT SIX WEEKS. IDENTITY OF THE CARGOES AND VESSEL HAVE NOT AS YET BEEN ESTABLISHED.

3. ARS HAS REQUESTED FAS' ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE ATTACHES

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IN TAKING AN ARRIVAL SAMPLE WHEN THE TEST CARGO REACHES DESTINA-

TION PORT. REQUEST THAT ASA IN JAPAN AND TAIWAN SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM THROUGH USE OF A COMPETENT AND UNBIASED LOCAL SURVEYOR. SPECIFIC AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE SAMPLING INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE SUPPLIED BY ARS AT A LATER DATE.

4. THE ATTACHE MAY INFORM APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND LOCAL IMPORTERS OF THIS PROGRAM, BU ADVANCED IDENTITY OF ANY PARTICULAR SHIPMENTS SHOULD BE RETAINED CONFIDENTIAL TO ASSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF A VALID TEST.

5. FURTHER INFORMATION FORTHCOMING. KISSINGER

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